

**APPROVED 02/25/2010**

At 7:15 pm the Board's meeting was called to order in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. The meeting had been delayed due to lack of a quorum. Present were Selectmen Brett Hunter and Donald Gates Jr; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 04 February 2010. Amendments were made and several follow-up items were discussed. Hunter moved to accept the minutes as amended. Gates seconded and the vote was approved 2-0.

2. The School District Public Budget Hearing was held on Monday February 8, 2010 at the Town Hall. Following that hearing, the final materials were ready for the Town Report, which went to print on Tuesday afternoon.

3. Selectmen again discussed a recent letter from the School Board, in follow-up to discussion last week about the manifest. The Selectmen's discussion centered on the questions they are asked about School expenses, and they discussed how the Town's weekly payroll and accounting manifests show a breakdown of the town expenses. The Selectmen said that they are asked questions about expenses, and would like to see the School manifests.

Selectmen made it clear they are not questioning what the School Board is doing, but in response to all the questions circulating, would like to have a better idea of how tax dollars are being spent. Carlson will work on a letter, and will get in touch with Bill Lander.

4. The Board reviewed the next revision to the Ethics and Fraud Policy draft. This incorporates the Fraud information from the prior revision and ethics information taken from another policy. Carlson indicated that additional sample policies had been located today and will be used in the next review. The Board has copies of the draft and it will be on the agenda again next week.

5. Carlson reviewed with the Board the two Fee Schedule changes and a proposed Public Hearing date of Thursday March 4, 2010. This will move ahead and be posted.

6. Selectmen signed a corrected abatement cover sheet for parcel 07-059. This was approved last week but had a typographical error in the narrative, which has been corrected.

7. In follow-up to the meeting last week, Selectmen clarified that they were not inclined to settle the Ferwerda BTLA matter as proposed by Ferwerda. The Board indicated that they were not comfortable accepting the amount as proposed by Mr Ferwerda. The Board will move ahead to the BTLA hearing, and get assistance from Joe Lessard on an RFP for ordering an appraisal.

8. Selectmen discussed the North Road stonewall matter, and reviewed a letter to Mike & Sue Miller in follow-up to one sent on December 3, 2009. The Board signed this letter.

At 8:00 pm no Department Heads were present.

9. Selectmen signed the signature page of the Purchasing Policy adopted on January 28, 2010. This will be held for St Germain's signature prior to copying. The Board's plan is to distribute it and have a meeting in approximately a month to see if there are concerns or questions with its implementation.

10. It was clarified in response to last week's minutes, that Michael Holmes is a Town employee who has been inactive for the past year or 18 months. He was originally hired as a seasonal part-time highway worker and is still on the Town's payroll. Carlson indicated that with Leon Holmes Sr having been sick, that Michael Holmes had driven the Town's one-ton truck in the past storm.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the accounts payable manifest \$79,079.38 for the current week dated 12 February 2010. Hunter moved to approve the manifest. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

2. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.

3. Selectmen reviewed and signed outgoing correspondence to Keith Stanton re: road acceptance; and to Tom Avallone of Datchet Development re: Risloves Way.

4. Carlson circulated draft copies of the 2009 Management Discussion & Analysis (MC&A) letter for the upcoming audit period. This was for Board review and comment. The audit is scheduled for April. This will be placed on a future agenda.

5. Two volunteers have submitted a "volunteer application form" expressing interest in the Highway Study Committee. They are Jack Downing and Jeanne Nygren. There was some discussion about how to form the Committee and give them a task set. Selectmen discussed working on the list of tasks and some organizational parameters. Further action will wait until St Germain returns.

6. After a brief discussion Gates was designated as the signer for the Energy Committee Grant Applications, as the Town's representative. Several grants are being submitted by the Energy Committee for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, being administered by the NH Office of Energy and Planning. Gates signed several pages to accompany each separate grant request and Carlson notarized them.

7. Carlson reported on receipt of an email from a Fremont resident encouraging the Town to apply to be one of the volunteer test sites for the Google fiber network. Selectmen thought this was a good idea to pursue.

8. The Town has received the final 12.5% matching share from the State of NH from the December 2008 Ice Storm. This \$4,641.77 was deposited in early February. This is unanticipated revenue for 2010.

9. Selectmen reviewed an application form for a NH Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant Program for one APCO-25 compliant digital/analog capable base station radio to be used by the EMD and other First Responders in the Town's Emergency Operations Center. This information had been forwarded to Dave Barker, who is the radio communications contact/specialist within the Fire Rescue Department. Carlson was waiting to hear back from him again after forwarding the grant letter. The Board felt it would be a good idea to move ahead. The original paperwork had been forwarded to the EMD, Deputy EMD, and Police and Fire Chiefs for review.

10. Selectmen drafted a letter to the Teamsters to inquire about the negotiation session. No response has been received from the January 22 email correspondence proposing dates for the first session.

11. Selectmen discussed a letter from the Town's insurer (privileged and marked as absolutely confidential pursuant to NH RSA 5-B:7) regarding an insurance claim.

**NEXT WEEK**

All Town Offices are closed on Monday February 15, 2010 in observance of President's Day. There is no delay in trash or recycling collections.

Candidates Night will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday February 17, 2010 at Ellis School in the gymnasium.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday February 18, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Hunter and seconded by Gates to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson  
Town Administrator